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**HELP PREVENT FIRES**  
 Think before lighting a match. Millions of dollars are wasted each year in fires. Millions are spent in covering fire losses by the insurance companies. Human labor goes to waste as fire destroys buildings and valuable materials are destroyed by flames that usually arise from carelessness.

Think before lighting a match and save human lives. The match thrown thoughtlessly in a rubbish pile may burn a factory and kill hundreds, or it may destroy a school, wherein probably a thousand little folks will perish. The cigarette tossed into the brush at the side of the walk may be the cause of a nearby home burning and cause the death of the residents.

Fire Prevention Day should be devoted to a study of the ways of preventing fires and it should instill into the minds of the people the most important fact of all, that carelessness and lack of forethought is the cause of nearly all of our fires. Although the general public knows this, they refuse to consider seriously the consequences of negligence and continue to light fires without thinking of the kind of material they are burning, or the place where they have chosen to burn it.

Think before lighting a match and save the homes and the lives of the citizens of Columbia. This is a town of frame houses, and a city that could perish in its entirety, if a fire once got a firm start. It is to be wondered whether or not the woman who stands in front of burning leaves and allows the flames to lick her skirts realizes the danger she is in. How many of these same women allow their children to play about the leaves as they burn and how many go off and leave the dry brush burning unguarded and likely to blow against a house, fence or barn. It is possible that the danger present in the burning of leaves is not understood, but it is of such importance that it should be realized. It is far better to the leaves lie upon the pavements or the lawn than to endanger homes and people by burning them in the street. If they must be burned, the place to do it is in the ash pit, or in a closed, metal or stone receptacle.

Think before lighting a match. Think before throwing paper where it is likely to catch fire. Think before hanging clothes near fire. Call to mind the possible dangers in piling wood against the furnace. Remember that gasoline used near a fire is likely to cost you your life, and remember, too, that coal oil poured into a fire frequently causes more harm than good. There are but a few of the things to be considered in regard to fires, but if one thinks before making a fire and thinks before carelessly tossing burning materials, the number of fires in this country will be greatly diminished.

Social service means something more than playing Santa Claus and Lady Bountiful.

The Hello Day advertisement read, "Every man speaks to every other man," but this did not mean a man should restrict himself to speaking to every alternate man he meets.

**THE RURAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Only 20 per cent of the teachers in Missouri have had as much as two years of normal school training save those from the three large cities. Of the number of untrained teachers, more than one-half are in the rural districts. Sixty-seven per cent of the rural teachers in Missouri receive less than \$500 a year and the average cost of living being at least \$520 a year.

The rural high school has proved a benefit to the communities where it exists and where the salaries are high enough to insure good teachers. There are many boys and girls in the country who cannot conveniently attend a high school at a distance. Where there is a rural high school, having a similar course of study to those in the cities these students can attend from their homes in the country. The district which keeps up a rural high school is the one which will lead, not alone in the best farms, but in the most efficient young men and women.

But the rural high school which has incompetent teachers, because the people will not pay for the best trained cannot compete with the city schools. Is it right that the boys and girls in the country should be denied the privilege of at least a high school education? Many rural communities give their farm hands as large monthly wages as they do to their teachers, and in addition board the farm hand. Is the cultivation of corn more important than the cultivation of the minds of boys and girls?

The legislative program made by the legislative committee of the Missouri State Teachers' Association proposes a method for the correction of this unfair situation. They have proposed a constitutional amendment allowing rural schools to vote \$1 for school purposes. What are the voters going to do about it?

Contemporary interest in spiritualism phenomena and the dicta of Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir A. Conan Doyle and other upholders of spiritualism has actually affected industry. A new \$125,000 factory has just been built in Baltimore to supply the demand for ouija boards.

**THE BOONE COUNTY MEMORIAL**  
 Immediate steps must be taken if Boone County is to receive its share of the \$115,000 appropriation made by the state legislature for the erection of soldier memorials.

To obtain this money, each county must raise \$1,000 for the same purpose. The offer expires January 1, 1921, and only nineteen counties have applied for the money. The Herbert Williams Post of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars are planning a campaign, however, to raise the money this fall.

During the summer, local posts of the soldier organizations discussed the details of an appropriate memorial. The final arrangements were to build a \$190,000 community home for the county which was to be located in Columbia. It would consist of a dormitory, auditorium and recreation parlors. The matter was temporarily dropped.

Atchison County has led the way in Missouri soldier memorials. It is building a home of the type planned here at the cost of \$70,000. Boone County needs such a meeting place and as befits her leadership among the other counties of the state she should build the best. There is no suitable gathering place in Columbia where the citizens of the county, and especially the younger people, can meet. The Y. M. C. A. is such a place, but it is used almost entirely by students.

Besides serving as a monument for the dead soldiers, a community home would promote good citizenship. The more people have in common the greater will be their interest in each other. It would furnish a means of clean recreation which is not always available now.

### THE OPEN COLUMN

**The Worth of Patriotism.**  
 Editor the Missourian: Patriotism, like religion, love, or friendship, cannot be expressed in dollars and cents. Any attempt to appraise it from a mercenary standpoint is sacrilegious. Worse than that it is to drag it down in the mire of small change—a dollar a day or such schemes as the ex-soldiers have on tap for future legislation.

In the recent war, the soldier's part of the work was well done. Victory smiled on us, and the homecoming attested the appreciation. The soldiers left about 75,000 comrades "over there." According to late statistics, the war cost America about four million lives in all. The returned soldier now demands pay for not being dead. He would take his hundred or two hundred dollars for his patriotism. He would become mercenary. He would have his home people think of him as a paid adventurer, not as a loyal soldier who five years ago was thrilled by the sight of the flag; cheered for the Fourth of July speaker and did all the other things a true American would do. The soldier would peddle all his patriotism for the paltry sum. More interested in money than the final outcome of his fighting. He wants his money so that he can pay it out in taxes to pay him with. Into one pocket, out of another.

## Abroad In Missouri

In the hearts of many Missourians there are various stories and traditions that have become almost equal in rank to the true history of the state itself. One of these that is often passed for the truth is the story of the Blue Man of the Ozarks.

As the story runs, a family that was moving to the gold fields camped one night in what was known as Lost Camp Valley, near the present site of Lost Camp in Howell County. That was long before the Civil War. The region at that time was a dense wilderness, mighty pine forests stretching over the hills and valleys for an indefinite number of miles. During the night the 6-year-old son disappeared, and when the parents awoke the next morning he was not to be found. The mother soon died with a broken heart, and the father went on to the gold fields. The son was never seen again until 1865.

On a wintry morning in that year Blue Sol Collins, who lived on Upper Indian Creek in Howell County, set out on his daily hunt. Finding what he thought were bear tracks in the snow he followed them for several miles to the northward. Near sundown he came suddenly upon the object of his search. He looked, jumped and ran, scarcely slackening his pace until he reached home.

On the mountainside above him he had seen a giant figure, nearly seven feet in height, which was unmistakably human, and this figure had hurled rocks at him as he climbed the mountain. The giant's body was covered with blue black hair; his limbs were powerfully gorilla-like, and the only clothing he wore was a shoulder piece, breeches of animal hide, and deer-hide moccasins. It had been the foot tracks of this being which Blue Sol had been trailing all day. Blue Sol never saw the man again, but it went down in the tradition of the country that this man—the Blue Man of the Ozarks—was the boy who had strayed from his parents' camp in Lost Camp Valley years before.

The Blue Man was seen again in 1874, and between then and 1890 he was seen many times. During those years he made his home in the Spring Creek Hills, stealing small stock from the farmers as he pleased, but nobody paid much attention to him.

In 1890 he disappeared and everyone believed him dead until 1911 when he reappeared. A posse raided his den, but finding him absent, they set a bear trap for him. When he returned to the trap his fingers were caught in the trap. Four years later he was seen again in 1915, and between then and 1920 he was seen many times. During those years he made his home in the Spring Creek Hills, stealing small stock from the farmers as he pleased, but nobody paid much attention to him.

**On Other Campuses**  
 Realizing the great good that can be accomplished in mind and body by the development of the child's sense of rhythm and of color, the University Settlement in New York is conducting rhythmic dancing classes for 500 children, who meet in a large assembly hall five afternoons a week.

Midland College, which a year ago moved from Atchison, Kan., to Fremont, Neb., will have an enrollment this year of more than 650, compared to 125 in 1918-19, its last year at Atchison. A campaign for funds has been carried on the last year which will raise the endowment to approximately \$500,000. Plans have been drawn up for a new campus which will include nine buildings, of which a \$250,000 administration building will be the nucleus. Work will be begun this year on the gymnasium, the first of the buildings to be erected.

The school board of Cleveland, Ohio, in cooperation with the teachers in the Cleveland schools, has worked out and adopted a schedule for increasing the salaries of its teachers in which yearly increases of \$1,200, \$1,350 and \$1,500 will increase at the rate of \$120, \$135 and \$150 annually until a maximum of \$2,800, \$3,240 and \$3,600 has been reached, provided teachers improve themselves by taking extension and summer school courses. F. E. Spaulding, now head of the department of education in the Graduate School at Yale and former superintendent of schools in Cleveland, was largely responsible for the plans of the schedule.

"What immigrants need most to learn is to talk, to communicate with their American neighbors," says N. Behar, managing director, National Liberal Immigration League. "Progress in other matters will scarcely be noticed, while in talking the results will be immediate. The immigrant will feel proud to be able to speak a few words, and this will encourage him to continue in attendance at immigrant schools. To teach a vocabulary without showing the objects or actions represented is as teaching a craft without tools. What a verbal flood is needed to explain the meaning of potato, and many pupils will not grasp it. All this trouble is averted by exhibiting a potato."

Twenty-four Belgian graduate students arrived in America this fall under the Commission for Belgian Educational Foundations. They are entered at Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Chicago, California and Stanford. The enterprise under which those students came is carried on with the \$35,000,000 which remained from the Belgian relief fund when the commission finished its five years' work in 1919. The money was largely contributed by Belgians who could afford to pay for the help extended them in war time. Ninety million francs of the amount was apportioned among the

## Between Columns

The difference between Ponzi and Rockefeller, as we see it, was that Ponzi tried to run a conning machine without oil and got a hot box.

**Best Be the Tie That Slips.**  
 Kansas City divorcees totalled 375 in one day this week.

What do they do with all the household goods and wedding rings?

The Pullmans don't get the 50 per cent extra fare; it goes to the railways, says Mr. Pullman, or whoever names the cars and writes the ads for them.

That makes 50 per cent more for the railways. Do you suppose there is any loose gold on Mars that we could give them, too?

The railways are proving the best friends of an automobile salesman, good roads enthusiasts and airplane manufacturers.

We saw six jars of apple jelly set up a window to harden the other day.

People attend political meetings to become confirmed in their convictions.

**Which Four Cords Could It Be?**  
 Aunt Sarah, who tells girls what any girl who isn't half-witted ought to know in the columns of the Globe-Democrat, retired into her boudoir yesterday and, after, we imagine, taking a pull at his (pardon her) cigar, she Underwooded some words to four University cords on going riding with men to whom they had never been introduced. She says that Radcliffe girls do not venture on the Harvard campus and that Radcliffe girls do not board at the same houses where men students board. Aunt Sarah, (who the dickens is Aunt Sarah?) says that she doesn't believe any University girls have loose ideas about riding with men they don't know.

What are we doing to know is: Did the men wait until the girls heard from Aunt Sarah?

Cocaine coteries are the latest fad in N.Yawk. Now, isn't that original!

The confessions of the crooked baseball players read like King Learner. Who is King Learner, anyway?

Missouri Methodists and Presbyterians have decided to lobby for a state movie censorship. Why don't they ask the movie fans to help them? Or perhaps the fans are already represented.

**THE AMATEURISH MANNER**  
 (From the Monroe City Semi-Weekly News.)

In the first game of the season the Monroe City public school eleven lost in the game between Shelbyville and Monroe City by the score of 87 to 0. The cause of the overwhelming defeat is partly due to the fact that Monroe City has not been engaged in football activities in several years.

(Engaged—why not say they were actively concerned.)

**TRUTH'S TAIL FEATHERS INTACT**  
 (From the Moberly Evening Democrat)

The bride-elect is the sister of Mrs. . . . She is a young lady of whom nice things can be said without snatching pretty adjectives from the vocabulary of truth.

What adjectives would you use?

(From the Trenton Daily Republican)  
 Blind Jasper, so he styles himself in a professional way, honored Trenton with his presence, and his fiddle Monday. He is quite a character, and a fiddler of no mean ability. Disdaining to call himself a violinist he yet claims to be able to hold crowds, and to rake in the nickles and dimes as a performer with fiddle and bow.

And he does that. The writer has known Blind Jasper for years. Away back in the nineties he was fiddling in Kansas and Oklahoma, making his way from town to town, playing cheerful notes to the pioneers of the Sooner state and brightening the lives of many who were enduring hard times in Kansas.

For Blind Jasper is a man of stout heart and happy disposition. He may not be a master musician but he knows many jolly, laugh-provoking songs, and sacred music, too, and all the time he sings to his own accompaniment on the fiddle. One day some years ago, at Anthony, Kan., he was seen on the street with a blind lady, a nice woman she was, with a sweet face and a soft voice. They found the way to the probate judge's office, and were married. Talking with Jasper today he said they had lived happily ever after, which is more than some folks with eyes can say. Their home is in Wisconsin where Jasper says his wife has property. He disclaims having property of his own but wive ones in Kansas and Oklahoma have said Jasper has several good farms. If he has he has made them by honest toil, and no one begrudges him the land. For, blind, he has been going through the world with a song on his lips, a smile on his face, a helpful word, a merry tune on the fiddle, all of these making other folks feel better contented with their conditions and very willing to drop the pennies, nickles and dimes into Blind Jasper's tin cup and give him a welcome whenever he appeared on the streets of their towns.

By such writers as the one who wrote the above the newspapers of the Kingdom of Heaven be written.

If you love Will Shakespeare for himself and not for his works only, you must read Lord Dunsany's farce, "If Shakespeare Lived Today" in the October Atlantic. Here's a sample: Shakespeare has been put for a club. A member asks the club secretary: "Who is this Shaker? What is he?" The Secretary: "He—he seems to write, sir."

## IN BOONE COUNTY

Stack the screens where you won't put your foot through them when you go down to stoke the furnace this winter.

"Bout time to begin the winter crops of whiskers, isn't it?"

You can get out of shovelling snow off your sidewalk this winter by either rolling the walk up every time it snows or piping it with steam heat and then buying a few extra lumps of coal.

The Centralia Salvation Army Board organized a financial campaign organization this week in order to raise its quota of \$4,500. Dr. O. B. Mayes was made chairman; C. F. Sames, secretary, and R. B. Price, treasurer. There are only two such boards in Boone County, the other one being in Columbia.

Nicholas M. Eaton, who has been on the staff of the Centralia Courier for the last three years, has resigned and accepted a position with the A. P. Green Firebrick Company of Mexico.

The residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Hulon at Centralia was partly destroyed by fire this week. The fire originated near the flue and gained considerable headway before it was discovered. All the upper floors were destroyed as well as the furniture.

The light plant at Centralia, which was destroyed by fire some time ago is being repaired, and it is thought it will be ready for service in a few days. During the rebuilding Centralia has been getting electric light from Mexico.

The people of the Hallsville High school are holding a carnival on their campus tonight, the proceeds to be used for school equipment. Some of the features of the evening will be a negro minstrel, a Japanese tea room and a fishing pond of luck.

Franzo H. Crawford of Centralia, who was graduated from Centralia High school in '19, has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship at the University of North Dakota.

Charles E. Northcutt, county superintendent of schools, accompanied by several other teachers of this county, will attend a meeting of the Northeast Missouri Teachers' Association in Kirksville on October 21, 22 and 23.

## VOTES FOR WHOM?

**An Independent Speaks.**  
 I believe in an eventual democracy. Rule by the majority is not a democracy, and never can be. It is a republic, instead. In a democracy, the minority also will be represented.

I believe in free trade; so I am not a Republican. I believe a man of mature years, from 50 on up, has better judgment than a younger man, and is more able to serve the public; so I am not a Democrat.

I believe the results at the Chicago and San Francisco conventions were both victories for the machine element of the respective parties. I am opposed to machine politics, and machine thinking. I believe every voter should think for himself and arrive at his own conclusions. In short, I am opposed to hereditary partisanship.

I do not believe a platform plank

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**A WOMAN WHO WILL NOT VOTE.**  
 First: I do not believe in women voting.

Second: I am too ignorant of politics and candidates to vote.

Third: I do not believe in two parties nor in two party platforms. Now, light your pipe and I'll try to explain.

I look at things this way: God made the worlds. He didn't let women have a hand in any material thing and not until Eve dressed herself all up did he define woman's mission in life; not once did He say: "Eve, run across the Garden and see if the fences are in good repair," but told her right out, in plain words, that it didn't matter how dizzy she got, she had to rock the cradle.

I cannot see why woman had rather go to the polls and cast one vote than stay at home and train her husband and "six stalwart sons" to vote for her principles. Now—hoo—she will not have time to train her family and consequently may cast six votes against herself.

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## Number two: I know little about politics or presidential candidates.

Voting means more to me than the legal right to vote. It means a grasp of my nation's good and a vision of ultimate world good. It means a detailed knowledge of world issues and which candidate will best subserve them. I know absolutely nothing about either Mr. Cox or Mr. Harding personally. I know one is a Democrat and one a Republican, but world issues are beyond parties. What about Mr. Cox and Mr. Harding as men? How are they grounded in character to be worthy a "conscience" vote? I am sure I do not know.

Take the Monroe Doctrine for instance. All I know about it is that it was the propeller that whipped Spain and passed bread and butter to the Cubans. Of course sitting on a log swinging my feet I "jes natcherly" can put two and two together and I figure it out that the Monroe Doctrine is Jesus walking on the water, but all that Doctrine entails—I do not know; my hand is over my face but—I do not know.

Now, the same suffragists will cross the same feet and remark: "It's her duty to learn." Oh! is it? My duty is as I see it; with my hand raised high—"So help me God," I don't want to be a long, slender, crooked bean that runs up any pole the other beans climb. What is woman up to any way? Does she just want to cast a ballot or does she want to re-cast halloing, which takes thought and study and time?

Third: I do not believe in two parties nor in two platforms. If I ever vote I will vote for men! I do not believe a set of rules, nailed planks, or a platform can be made first and then the human factor trimmed to fit the grooves. If a man conforms wholly to the platform upon which he was elected then—nine to ten—he is not conforming to himself and we've got a mollycoddle in the White House.

Should that Self assert itself and vary from the schedule, the business world looks up and asks, "Where is this fellow at?" and that's bad; for verily my country, 'tis of thee, Mr. President.

Why should America be represented by two platforms? There should be but one—an all-American platform—and then an American jury representing every walk of life to see that its precepts are enforced. Each juror should be elected by ballot by the class he represents—by class I mean manufacturers, labor, churches, etc. Those jurors should ballot on men, wiping out parties entirely, until the number voted on had been reduced to two and then let those two as candidates for the presidency stand upon the same (American) platform and enunciate their interpretation of it by press and stump, decided by the vote of the people.

Have you ever thought about that great American platform—safe guarding every class—zipped to the wind? Calling in round numbers to each individual; not on "party lines" when it had to add "Black" or "White" to know who was wanted.

Give us one platform big enough for two candidates to stand upon; and then the issues will be where it should be—between MEN!

**A WOMAN.**

**Will Discuss Plans for New Church.**  
 The building committee of the Baptist Church will meet at the church next Monday night to consider questions regarding the proposed new building for the church.

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**Introduction.**  
 THE BAPTIST NEWS is an experiment. If those for whom it is printed find it to be worth while, and if it promotes a more active interest in the Baptist work in Columbia, and in church work generally, it will be continued. The News will appear every Saturday evening on the editorial page of the Missourian. If you are a Baptist, read the News—it will add to your interest in your Church organization and its work; if you are not a Baptist read the News—it will keep you informed about what the Baptists are doing.

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**Trustees.**  
 The Church trustees and the Building Committee will meet at the Annex Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock to discuss matters of great importance to the Church.

**Important.**  
 A very important church meeting will be held Wednesday evening at the Prayer Meeting hour. At that time the regularly quarterly reports from all departments of the church work will be made and the officers of all organizations are urged to be present to report. At this meeting delegates will be elected to the Central Association.

**Teachers Meeting.**  
 Teachers and officers of the Sunday School met at the Annex on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. After lunch was served an informal conference was held for the purpose of making plans to promote the work of the Sunday School. The meeting was interesting and enthusiastic and arrangements were made to hold these conferences at regular intervals.

**Sunday School Convention.**  
 The Boone County Sunday School convention will hold its second annual meeting at the Presbyterian Church on October 6th and 7th. All Baptists interested in Sunday School work are urged to attend.